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QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 5413

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DEPARTMENT PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO USDEL DAMASCUS
FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, XF

SUBJECT: PLO PARTICIPATION IN MEPC

REF: (A) JIDDA 5290 (B) STATE 172419 (C) JIDDA 5109
(D) JIDDA 4969

1. IN A MEETING TODAY AUGUST 3 WITH AMBASSADOR WEST, DCM
WILEY AND EMBASSY OFFICER LEWIS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
SECRETARY'S VISIT, FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD GAVE A LENGTHY
DISCOURSE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN GEN-
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ERAL AND SPECIFICALLY PLO REPRESENTATION AT THE MEPC AS THE
KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE SAID,
ALMOST INCIDENTALLY, THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PLO CHAIR-
MAN YASIR ARAFAT WITHIN THE HOUR.

2. SAUD SAID THAT IT WAS HIS JIDGEMENT THAT THE PLO WOULD
SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER ITS POSITION ON UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND

338 IF RPT IF THE USG WOULD BE READY TO DEAL DIRECTLY
WITH THE PLO AND INVITE THE ORGANIZATION TO GENEVA TO
ATTEND THE MEPC.

3. SAUD'S SCENARIO WAS:

A) FIRST, THE PLO WOULD STATE PUBLICLY AND UNEQUIVLCALLY
THAT IT ACCEPTS 242 AND 338 WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT
THE RESOLUTIONS DID NOT DEAL WITH THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OR THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A HOME-
LAND; FOLLOWED BY

B) USG STATEMENT OF ITS READINESS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH
THE PLO AND INVITE ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEPC

4. PRINCE SAUD EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THE PLO AND THE SAG
WOULD WANT ASSURANCES THAT ACTION BY THE U.S. WOULD FOLLOW
ON THE HEELS OF THE PLO STATEMENT. WEST UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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